THE REGISTRATION REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I beg to present the report of the Select Committee on the Registration Regulation Amendment Bill and beg further to move that the Bill as reported be taken up for consideration.

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): I second it.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): The question is that the Bill be taken up for consideration.

PRESIDENT: Does the House accept this motion?

The motion was accepted.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): There are no amendments in regard to the Bill and therefore I request you, Sir, to put the Clauses to the House so that they may form part of the Bill.

PRESIDENT: The question before the House is that Clauses 1 to 3 of the Bill and the preamble do stand part of the Bil May I take it that it is passed?

The motion was carried.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I beg to move that the Bill as now approved by the Council be taken up and finally read on a subsequent date and passed.

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): I second the motion.

PRESIDENT: Does the House accept the motion?

The motion was accepted.

THE TRAVANCORE CENSUS BILL.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I rise to introduce a Bill to make provision for certain matters in connection with the taking of the Census of 1931. The Bill has been published in the Gazette with a statement of objects and reasons and I now beg to move that Bill be read in Council.

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I second the motion.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Although it is a very important measure it is more or less a formal business as, in fact, it is only a re-enactment of the Regulations that were passed in connection with the last census and the censuses of the previous occasions. I do not think that the Bill will be of a controversial matter. Every body will concede the importance of taking a census, the results of which are as useful to the non-official public worker as they are to the various departments of the Government. The principles of the Bill may not require much elucidation from me. I would only say, namely, this that the two important principles involved

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in the Bill are (1) to enable the Government to appoint Census Officers and(2) to enable the Census Officers to obtain all the information that is necessary. I hope that the principles will be accepted unanimously.

PRESIDENT: Does the House accept the principle of the Bill?

The principle of the Bill was accepted. The Secretary to the Legislative Council then read the title of the Bill.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, this measure is an urgent measure and as I submitted a little while ago it is a formal measure too and I wish to proceed with the second reading of the Bill even now. There is a rule that the second reading can be moved only after the lapse of fifteen days after the Bill has been introduced and, unless that rule is suspended I would not be able to proceed with the second reading now. I request you, therefore, Sir, to suspend the rule so that I may proceed with the second reading of the Bill.

PRESIDENT: I suspend the rule.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I now beg to move that the Bill be taken up for consideration.

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): I second the motion.

PRESIDENT: I take it that the motion is accepted?

The motion was accepted.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Apparently, Sir, there are no amendments to the Bill and I would request you to put the question that the Clauses do form part of the Bill.

PRESIDENT: The question before the House is that Clauses 1 to 13 and the preamble do stand part of the Bill?

The motion was carried.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I now beg to move that the Census Bill as now approved by the House be taken up on a subsequent day and passed.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I second the motion.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I rise to a point of order. Standing Order No. 42 says that after the second reading of the Bill, the Bill could be taken up and passed at a subsequent *meeting*. The Law Member says that the Bill could be taken on a subsequent *day*.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I have no objection to conform to the wording of that Standing Order and to move that the Bill be taken up and passed at a subsequent meeting. However I may give intimation to the House that what I mean is that I will make the motion for final reading tomorrow if of course the standing orders will permit me to do so.

PRESIDENT: Is that motion accepted?

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MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Sir, the Law Member suggests that it can be taken up for consideration tomorrow.

PRESIDENT: That is not the point at all. The motion before the House is that the Bill be taken up at a subsequent meeting.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Yes, Sir.

The motion was accepted.

THE TRAVANCORE VILLAGE PANCHAYAT COURTS REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, I rise to introduce a Bill to amend the Travancore Village Panchayat Courts Regulation, I of 1090. The Bill has been published in the Gazette with a Statement of objects and reasons and I now beg to move that the Bill be read in Council.

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I second it.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I beg to oppose it.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): I wish to know whether the motion has been seconded.

PRESIDENT: The motion has been seconded.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I shall now explain the principle involved in the Bill. This Bill is an amendment to Section 7 of the Village Panchayat Courts Regulation. Section 7 reads thus. "The Presidents and the other Judges of the Village Panchayat Court shall be appointed by our Government once in two years, according to such rules as may, from time to time, be prescribed by our Government in that behalf; provided that Our Government may by rules made in that behalf, provide for all or any of the Judges being elected by the people of the village or villages concerned".

The effect of this provision is that immediately after the expiry of two years of the appointment of a Judge he ceases to be a Judge and if by some mischance or accident a successor is not appointed the Court could not function and administration of Justice cannot go on properly. To avoid such contingencies, an amendment is proposed to be made in this Section to the effect that although the time of two years may expire he shall continue to be a Judge until the successor is appointed.

MR. MATTHEW MURIKKAN (*Vaikam*): May I know what is the difficulty in appointing a successor promptly?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Not that there is any definite difficulty. Sometimes it may happen that the appointment is not made at the nick of time. The result will be that administration of justice will suffer.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Is it mischance or accident that stands in the way of Government making the appointment in time?

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